

## TESTING THE TARIFF

THE COUNTRY APPEALED TO  
BY THE TREASURY.

An Important Circular Issued by Secretary Manning to Manufacturers and Others Engaged in Industrial Art and Commerce.

The following circular letter has been prepared, and is being sent out to manufacturers and others interested in industrial art:

“The questions of the methods of entry and payment of imported merchandise have shown that the tariff laws are largely evolved by administration wherever the duties are levied ad valorem. The duties are levied on the basis of the value of specific duties, with a view of obtaining information in this subject, which may be used in the future to improve the tariff laws. The improvement of the customs revenue system was it deemed proper to ask the advice of the manufacturers and others interested in the tariff laws of the country which may be affected by tariff legislation, and which suffer more or less by reason of the tariff laws. The following questions are therefore requested to give your views as to the feasibility of simplifying the tariff laws by making the duty specific, so far as applicable to the importation of the following articles, and in which you are interested or with which you are familiar, with as full an answer as the subject may possibly be allowed to submit.

It is desirable that, in addition to a schedule

1. Commercial or technical, designation of the article with sample or samples.
2. Cost of production of a given unit of quantity by weight or measure, with the following tails as to each kind or quality of article, viz :
  - (a). Cost of materials, character of same (as example, if wool, the kind of wool), whether foreign or domestic origin. If foreign, what part of the value represents duties paid thereon.
  - (b). Cost of labor in detail, giving each item specifically, and the rates of wages paid.

(e). Other elements of cost not covered by above.

3. Description of buildings and machinery and amount of capital invested in each.

4. If the foregoing articles of similar kind.

4. Mention any exceptional element of advantage or disadvantage in manufacturing, such as location of the factory with reference to markets or means of transportation, accessibility of supplies, nature of power or kind of machinery or character of labor employed, rates of wages paid, amount of taxes, or exemption for taxation, etc.

relative cost-of-manufacture of the same article in the United States and in Europe, particularly with regard to the cost of labor, as affected by the rate of wages paid in the different countries. State how much the total cost of a given unit of production is increased in the United States or in European countries by reason of the difference in wages paid and the rate of interest on capital employed. State also to what extent, with

business is connected, the present laws imposing taxes on the imported article have been evaded, and how the same can be corrected, whether by specific duties or otherwise, and to what extent the home industry with which you are connected has suffered from this cause.

It is not intended that your reply shall be confined to the form or scope of the inquiries above suggested, but you are invited to give the fullest expression of your views on the general subject indicated, in such manner and form as you may deem best.

Publicity will not be given to names, locations

**A MIDSUMMER HOMELY.**—Rev. D. Faunce, of the E Street Baptist Church delivered his annual midsummer sermon before a large audience yesterday morning, taking for his text John x:10—"I come that they might have life." I

statement about the mission of Christ  
the earth, and his theory was strong  
subtle, taking the broadest view of

ment based on thorough knowledge and study.

G. B. Sondley and G. G. Corey were arrested a few days ago at Atlanta, Ga., for counterfeiting railroad tickets. Sondley was formerly a conductor on the East Tennessee railroad, and lately been in business at Atlanta with Corey.

The Railroad directors of the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia and Georgia, and the Richmond and Danville road. In a trunk, they offered a bunch of tickets similar to those that had been sold to the two men. The tickets were finished and ready for use. The men were told that the tickets were of the same type as those that were found the two men gave in. Coney said that if such business had been going on in the past, he would not have been able to hold the tickets. He said that the tickets had been found in the trunk of the man who had been doing the work. It is said that Coney was paid \$200 for the tickets.

The Erie railroad directors have chosen George H. Valliant to be freight traffic manager. Mr. Valliant is a freight traffic manager with the Erie Railroad Co. of New York, and is now in charge of the freight traffic of the Erie Railroad Co. of New York. He has been in the freight traffic of the Erie Railroad Co. of New York for many years. The Erie Railroad Co. has introduced a new freight traffic system, and Mr. Valliant is now in charge of the freight traffic of the Erie Railroad Co. of New York. The Erie Railroad Co. has introduced a new freight traffic system, and Mr. Valliant is now in charge of the freight traffic of the Erie Railroad Co. of New York. The Erie Railroad Co. has introduced a new freight traffic system, and Mr. Valliant is now in charge of the freight traffic of the Erie Railroad Co. of New York.

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The board of public works of Wisconsin, headed by the state auditor, the superintendent of schools, attorney general, secretary of state and secretary of the board, its annual tour of inspection and assessment of the state's railroads, has just returned from a railroad journey throughout the state.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has published some excellent pictures of the scenic views of the Chesapeake Bay water route, among which are views of Kanawha, W. Va.; on North Mountain, Va.; of some New River, and crossing the Alleghenies.

The citizens of Columbus, Ga., have contributed \$100,000 toward the building of the Georgia railroad, and have received \$200,000 more. Liberal subscriptions are made all along the proposed line.

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